

**Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
- Expedited Examining Procedure -  
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**USE OF DERIVATIZED  
NANOPARTICLES TO MINIMIZE  
GROWTH OF MICRO-ORGANISMS  
IN HOT FILLED DRINKS**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.